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BOOKSELLERS & LIBRARIANS
IN A CHANGING WORLD

A Joint Conference of the
Australian and New Zealand Association of
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and the National Library of Australia
Canberra, 19–20 May 2014
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The conference, the first of its kind held in Australia, has gathered together an impressive group of speakers to explore in an informed and engaging way a variety of topics of particular interest to rare booksellers and special collections librarians. It aims to enable these professionals to approach their work with greater acumen and understanding, and will afford a valuable opportunity for delegates to meet others with similar problems and interests. While the conference is aimed primarily at those working with rare books, manuscripts and photographs, it also contains much of value to anyone with a passion for our paper-based heritage.

The full conference program can be found at www.anzaab.com

Registration costs:

Two days (including lunch and morning and afternoon tea) $350
Single day (including lunch and morning and afternoon tea) $190
Conference dinner (optional, Day 1) $85 for conference registrants ($125 for those not registered for the conference)

Please register by visiting www.anzaab.com or www.nla.gov.au/event/6670

Inquiries: 02 6251 5191
or email books@AsiaBookroom.com
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Day 1: Monday 19 May

INTRODUCTION
8.30am  Registration
Brindabella Room, 4th Floor
National Library of Australia

9.00am  Welcome
Anne-Marie Schwirtlich
Director-General,
National Library of Australia
Conference Room, 4th Floor
National Library of Australia

9.05am  Opening Address
Jörn Harbeck
ANZAAB President

MORNING SESSION

Appreciating the Magic of Books as Objects

Chair and Presenter: Dr Shef Rogers
Department of English & Linguistics,
University of Otago, New Zealand

9.10am  Terms of the Trade: Definitions and Examples

9.40am  The Bones of Books: Anatomy and Skeletons, Fingerprints and Localisation

10.10am Sizing Things Up: Format and the Origami of Imposition

10.40am Morning tea

11.00am Is It Complete? Collation Formulae and the Calculus of Book Construction

11.30am Judging a Book by its Cover: Bindings and Provenance
12.00pm  Where to From Here?
Questions and Further Study

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Printed Image – Aspects of Photography and the Book

Chair: Michael Treloar

Michael Treloar Antiquarian Booksellers, Adelaide

1.30pm  Introduction

1.35pm  The Woodburytype Photomechanical Printing Process and its Use in Book Illustration

Philip Jackson
Senior Librarian, Printed Australiana, National Library of Australia

2.00pm  Shooting Shooters: The Camera in War

Robert Holden
Writer and curator

2.45pm  Picturing the First Australians, 1847–1914

Nicolas Peterson
Professor of Anthropology, Australian National University

3.30pm  Afternoon tea

4.00pm  Picture Propaganda: The Idealisation of the Australian Landscape in the Photography of John B. Eaton

Warwick Reeder
Director, Reeder Fine Art; fine art valuer, collector and photo-historian
4.45pm  Something More than a Book of Photos: Selected Australian Photobooks, 1900–2000
Dr Douglas Spowart
Independent researcher, photographer and self-publisher

5.30pm  End of Session

Monday 19 May: Optional Evening Activities

People of the Book: Tales from the World of the Antiquarian Bookseller
Three highly experienced Australian antiquarian booksellers talk about their life in the trade:
Kay Craddock AM
Anne McCormick OAM
Nicholas Pounder
Chair: Amelia McKenzie
Assistant Director-General, Collections Management, National Library of Australia

6.00–7.00pm
Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, National Library of Australia
Tickets: $10
Bookings essential: www.nla.gov.au/bookings or 02 6262 1271 (Mon–Fri, 9am–12pm)

Conference Dinner at Bookplate
7.00pm Bookplate Restaurant
   Ground Floor, National Library of Australia
Tickets: $85 for conference registrants ($125 for those not registered for the conference)
Day 2: Tuesday 20 May

MORNING SESSION 1

Libraries and the Rare Book Trade

Chair: Sally Burdon
Asia Bookroom, Canberra

9.00am Libraries and Rare Books: Overseas Perspectives

**Tom Congalton**
*Between the Covers, New Jersey,*
*and ILAB President, 2012–2014*

**Dan De Simone**
*Eric Weinmann Librarian,*
*Folger Shakespeare Library,*
*Washington DC*

(This session will be by Skype)

10.00am Secret Questions, or, Everything Booksellers and Librarians Always Wanted to Know About Each Other But Were Afraid to Ask

Panel discussion based on questions on notice from conference delegates.

**Chair: Alex Philp**
*Director,*
*Overseas Collections Management,*
*National Library of Australia*

**Panel: Richard Overell**
*Rare Books Librarian,*
*Monash University*

**Jörn Harbeck**
*Harbeck Rare Books, Brisbane*

**Paul Feain**
*Cornstalk Bookshop, Sydney*

**Richard Neville**
*Mitchell Librarian,*
*State Library of NSW*
10.40am  Morning tea

MORNING SESSION 2

*Behind the Scenes in the Book Trade*

Chair: Helen Cole  
*Senior Librarian, Coordinator, Australian Library of Art, Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland*

11.10am  If the Day of the Scholar-Librarian is Gone, How Can the Rare Book Trade Help?  
**Michael Treloar**  
*Michael Treloar Antiquarian Booksellers, Adelaide*

11.40am  Bookseller Research – How Can It Be Shared? A facilitated discussion  
**Chair: Helen Cole**  
*Senior Librarian, Coordinator, Australian Library of Art, Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland*

12.00pm  Pop-Up Rare Book Fair  
ANZAAB members will present a small selection of items from their stock. Conference delegates are invited to talk one-on-one with the dealers about the material they are exhibiting.

12.30pm  Lunch (Brindabella Room)

AFTERNOON SESSION 1

*Library Collections Revealed*

Chair: Jörn Harbeck  
*ANZAAB President*

1.30pm  Longevity is No Secret: How to Care for Rare Materials  
**Denyl Cloughley**  
*Acting Manager, Preservation Team, National Library of Australia*  
(including Q&A session)
2.15pm  Our Favourite Things
National Library curators present some of their favourite objects from the pictures, maps, manuscript and rare book collections.

3.00pm  Closing Remarks
Jörn Harbeck

3.05pm  Afternoon tea

3.30pm  National Library Tours
Delegates will divide into groups to tour the Library’s reading rooms and collection areas, visiting Pictures and Manuscripts, Maps, Preservation Laboratory, Digitisation and Photography, and the Asian Collections Reading Room.

4.30pm  Close of program

Tuesday 20 May: Optional Evening Activity

Two Sides of the Bibliographic Coin

Nicolas Barker and John Baxter are international luminaries in the world of rare books. Nicolas has written or edited over 20 books on typography, calligraphy, art history and the history of books and libraries, among them the revised *ABC for Book Collectors*. John, author of *A Pound of Paper: Confessions of a Book Addict*, is a novelist, broadcaster and acclaimed film critic who has had a lifelong obsession with books. Nicolas and John will share their tales of quests and conquests in their unrelenting hunt for books around the world.

**Chair: Kay Craddock AM**

*Kay Craddock – Antiquarian Bookseller, Melbourne*

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